

HEBER GILES AND MATILDA NICOL CROOK



Heber Giles Crook was born Sept. 18, 1861 at Heber, a son of John and Mary Giles Crook. He married Matilda Nicol, daughter of Thomas Nicol IV and Joanna Christina Handberg on Dec. 14, 1887. Matilda was born April 18, 1868 in Heber. Their children included LeOra and Edna who died in

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infancy; Hannah Cecelia (Mrs. Warren Jones); John Thomas, married Annie Harvey; Mary (Mrs. Louis Mahoney); Chase Nicol, married Lila Allison; Jennie (Mrs. Wallace Nelson); Dora (Mrs. Walter Fisher) Reed Giles and Blanch. Heber died April 23, 1941 and Matilda died Feb. 12, 1956.

Heber or "Hebe" as he was known, grew up in the West Ward of Heber, learning as a small boy to herd cattle and take care of crops. He also worked as a boy in the Lake Creek sandstone quarry. He helped his parents clear the land of sagebrush and turn it into serviceable farm acreage.

The first year after his marriage, Hebe worked at Park City in James Rasband's butcher shop. He decided he did not care for this work and would rather farm, so he traded his home in Heber and \$5,000 for William Murdock's 160 acre farm in Lake Creek, where he moved with his family.

He came to be known as one of the pioneers in agriculture in Wasatch County. He had grown up with the earth and loved it. He had one of the best kept farms in the valley, and raised fruits and berries of all varieties, and was one of the first men to operate a big orchard. He became very proficient in grafting buds of improved species and varieties of trees into the old trees that had become acclimated to the valley. He also raised grains, hay and many other crops, in addition to his cattle interests. He was also in the sheep business with J. W. Giles.

A very close friendship developed between Heber Crook and Elisha Duke that lasted more than 65 years. The two families and others would go camping in the mountains for two weeks every year, an event which their youngsters keenly looked forward to.

A humanitarian, Heber Crook was always willing to help less fortunate persons, and even in the dead of winter would travel long distances to help those who might be stranded, ill or otherwise needed assistance.

He served in many civic capacities, including a school trustee and director of a water company. He was a member of livestock organizations and served for many years as a volunteer weather observer. He took part in activities of the Center Ward where he was Sunday School superintendent.

He turned his farm over to his boys in 1915 and moved to the Heber First Ward with his wife. Together they spent many hours in temple work, Church activities, and yard and gardening work. They later moved

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into the Matt Clements home in the Second Ward, where they planted trees, flowers, a vegetable garden and had plenty of room for their grandchildren to play.

Matilda, "Tillie," or "Aunt Til" as she was called, learned responsibility early in her life. At the age of nine she would stay with her sister Josephine, whose husband Alva Murdock, worked away from home. One night as she was returning home from her sister's place, she bumped into an old hay rack, bruising her leg badly below the knee. This accident caused her much pain and suffering, and in her later life she had to undergo a series of operations. But through her faith and the power of the priesthood, she was able to retain the use of her leg throughout her life.

As a girl Tillie learned to work around the house. Her mother was a practical nurse and was away from home a lot, so Tillie did much of the work. In the year 1886 she went to White Rocks to live with her sister Josephine, while her brother-in-law managed the Indian Reservation. She returned home in the spring of 1887 to prepare for marriage to Heber, and they were married in the Logan Temple.

After moving to Lake Creek, Matilda took an active part in Church work, teaching classes and conducting the singing. She was a very graceful dancer and taught many young people the various steps. She was also active in Relief Society and the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

After her husband's death in 1942 she continued to maintain her home in Heber, though she traveled occasionally to visit her family before her death in 1956. 1095

Cottonwood Spring
Heber, Giles Crook Spring
Joe McPhie Spring

This spring is located North of the old red sandstone home built by Heber Giles Crook. It is or was among some cottonwood trees in a little hollow

willie Murdock
Homesleaded
this hill

NAMES: WATSON, John Henry
PLACES: Sharon, Wndsr, Yrmn

ENTER ALL DATA IN THIS ORDER:
DATES: 14 Apr 1794

To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "x" behind the number pertaining to that child.

FAMILY
GROUP
RECORD

HUSBAND CROOK, Heber Giles (Stockman and Farmer)
Born 18 Sept 1861 Place Heber, Wstch, Utah
Chr. Place
Marr. 14 Dec 1887 Place Logan, Cache Co, Utah
Died 23 April 1941 Place Heber, Wstch, Utah
Bur. 26 April 1941 Place Heber Cem, Wstch, Utah
HUSBAND'S FATHER CROOK, John
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

HUSBAND'S MOTHER GILES, Mary

Husband CROOK, Heber Giles 1861
Wife NICOL, Sarah Matilda
Ward 1. G. G. B.
Examiners: 2. B. O. K.
Stake or Mission Wells Stake

NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING RECORD
CROOK, John Thomas
1879 South 6th East
S-LK City, Utah

WIFE NICOL, Sarah Matilda
Born 18 April 1868 Place Heber, Wstch, Utah
Chr. Place
Died 12 Feb 1956 Place Heber, Wstch, Utah
Bur. 15 Feb 1956 Place Heber Cem
WIFE'S FATHER NICOL, Thomas
WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

WIFE'S MOTHER HANDBERG, Johannah Christina

FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE
CROOK, John Thomas
RELATION OF F.R. TO HUSBAND Son
RELATION OF F.R. TO WIFE Son

TEMPLE ORDINANCE DATA

BAPTIZED (DATE)	ENDOWED (DATE)	SEALED (Date & WIFE TO HUSBAND)
HUSBAND 6 Aug 1871	14 Dec 1887	L T 14 Dec 18
WIFE 24 Oct 1876	14 Dec 1887	SEALED (Date & CHILDREN TO PA

SEX M F	CHILDREN List Each Child (Whether Living or Dead) in Order of Birth SURNAME (CAPITALIZED) GIVEN NAMES	WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN			DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE		WHEN DIED		
		DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY	TO WHOM	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	
1	F	CROOK, Hannah Cicelia	7	Aug	1889	Heber	Wstch	Utah	23 Aug 1920			
2*	M	CROOK, John Thomas	19	Feb	1891	Heber	Wstch	Utah	JONES, Elisha Warren	7 Oct 1915		
3	F	CROOK, Mary	8	Oct	1892	Heber	Wstch	Utah	HARVEY, Arbelia Ann	18 Aug 1915		
4	M	CROOK, Chase Nicol	13	Nov	1894	Heber	Wstch	Utah	MAHONEY, Lauris Vier	1 Mar 1916		
5	F	CROOK, Leora	8	Nov	1896	Heber	Wstch	Utah	ALLISON, Lila	24 July 1898		
6	F	CROOK, Jennie	17	Nov	1898	Heber	Wstch	Utah				
7	F	CROOK, Dora	11	Dec	1900	Heber	Wstch	Utah	5 Jan 1921			
8	F	CROOK, Edna	19	July	1903	Heber	Wstch	Utah	NEILSON, Wallace	28 June 1922		
9	M	CROOK, Reed	15	May	1907	Heber	Wstch	Utah	FISHER, Andrew Walter	3 March 1906		
10	F	CROOK, Blanche	30	Sept	1910	Heber	Wstch	Utah				
11									1931 or 1932			
									MATHEWS, Bert (divorced)			

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

From the family record of John Crook now in possession of
Mary C Mahoney
Heber, Utah

OTHER MARRIAGES

#10 Blanche MD (2) 20 Aug 1946 EVANS, David Lamar

NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS

#10 Blanche (div) from
MATHEWS, Bert

Heber & Crook worked
@ Rasband ^{Butcher} Shop
in Park City
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